GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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FINANCIAL DISCREPANCIES IN PURCHASE OF IT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious financial discrepancies have been revealed in the purchase of Information Technology (IT) products by his Ministry;

(b) whether the rate quoted by the NCCF for the supply ofcomputers was higher than the rate Quoted in DGS&D rate contracts for the same brand with similar configurations;

(c) if so, the loss incurred as a result thereof; and

(d) the reasons for making the purchase at a higher rate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The technical configuration under DGS&D rate contract did not fully match the technical configuration decided by a Committee set up by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways which included a representative of National Informatics Centre.Hence the DGS&D contract rates were not deemed comparable with the rates on which the Ministry procured Information Technology (IT) products through NCCF.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.